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*Whitehall, October-12:*

**T**HIS Morning arrived Capt. Campbell, of the 22d Regiment, from St. John's Newfoundland, being dispatched by Lieutenant Colonel Amherst with the following Letter to the Earl of Egremont.

*St. John's Newfoundland, September 20, 1762.*

*My Lord,*

**A**CCORDING to the Orders I received from Sir Jeffery Amherst at New York, of which your Lordship will have been informed, I proceeded from New York to Halifax with the Transports, to take up there the Troops destined for the Expedition. I got into the Harbour the 26th of August; and finding Lord Colvill failed, determined to embark the Troops there, and at Louisbourg, as expeditiously as possible, and proceed after his Lordship.

The Men of War being failed, who were to have taken Part of the Troops on board, I was obliged to take up Shipping to the Amount of 400 Tons.

I had every Thing embarked, ready to sail the 29th, but contrary Winds kept us in the Harbour till the 1st of September, when we got out, and arrived at Louisbourg on the 5th. The next Day the Troops were embarked, and we sailed out of the Harbour the 7th in the Morning.

I had the good Fortune to join Lord Colvill's Fleet on the 11th, a few Leagues to the Southward of St. John's; and by the Intelligence his Lordship had received, I was obliged to change my Relation of Landing the Troops at Kitty Vitty, a narrow Entrance, close to the Harbour of St. John's, the Enemy having entirely stopped up the Passage in, by sinking Shallops in the Channel.

From the best Information I could get, it appeared that Torbay, about Three Leagues to the Northward of St. John's, was the only Place to land the Troops at, within that Distance.

Lord Colvill sent the Syren Man of War into Torbay with the Transports; and it was late at Night on the 12th, before they all came to an Anchor. Capt. Douglas, of His Majesty's Ship Syren, went with me to view the Bay, and we found a very good Beach to land on. It blew hard in the Night, and one of the Transports, with the Provincial Light Infantry Corps on board, was driven out to Sea.

I landed the Troops early the next Morning, at the Bottom of the Bay, from whence a Path led to St. John's: A Party of the Enemy fired some Shots at the Boats as they rowed in. The Light Infantry of the Regulars landed first, gave the Enemy one Fire, and drove them towards St. John's. The Battalions landed, and we marched on. The Path for Four Miles very narrow, through a thick Wood, and over very bad Ground.

Capt. M'Donell's Light Infantry Corps in Front came up with some of the Party we drove from the Landing Place: They had concealed themselves in the Wood, fired upon us, and wounded Three Men. A Part of Capt. M'Donell's Corps rushed in upon them, took Three Prisoners, and drove the rest off.

The Country opened afterwards, and we marched to the left of Kitty Vitty: It was necessary to take Possession of this Pass, to open a Communication for the Landing of Artillery and Stores, it being impracticable to get them up the Way we came.

As soon as our Right was close to Kitty Vitty River, the Enemy fired upon us from a Hill on the opposite Side. I sent a Party up a Rock, which commanded the Passage over, and under Cover of their Fire, the Light Infantry, Companies of the Royal and Montgomery's, supported by the Grenadiers of the Royal, passed, drove the Enemy up the Hill, and pursued them on that Side towards St. John's; when I perceived a Body of the Enemy coming to their Support, and immediately ordered over Major Sutherland, with the Remainder of the first Battalion, upon which they thought proper to Retreat, and we had just Time, before Dark, to take Post.

Captain Mackenzie, who commanded Montgomery's Light Infantry, was badly wounded. We took ten Prisoners. The Troops lay this Night on their Arms.

The next Morning, the 14th, we opened the Channel, where the Enemy had sunk the Shallops: They had a Breast Work which commanded the Entrance; and a Battery not quite finished.

Lieutenant Colonel Tullikin, who had met with an Accident by a Fall, and was left on Board, joined me this Day; and Captain Ferguson commanding the Artillery, brought round some light Artillery and Stores from Torbay, in the Shallops.

The Enemy had Possession of two very high and steep Hills, one in the Front of our advanced Posts, and the other nearer to St. John's, which two Hills appeared to command the whole Ground from Kitty Vitty to St. John's. It was necessary that we should proceed on this Side, to secure at the same Time effectually the Landing at the Kitty Vitty, from the first Hill the Enemy fired upon our Posts.

On the 15th, just before Day-break, I ordered Captain M'Donell's Corps of Light Infantry, and the Provincial Light Infantry, supported by our advanced Posts, to march to surprize the Enemy on this Hill. Captain M'Donell passed their Sentinels, and advanced Guards, and was first discovered by their main Body on the Hill, as he came climbing up the Rocks near the Summit, which he gained, receiving the Enemy's Fire. He threw in his Fire, and the Enemy gave Way.

Captain M'Donell was wounded; Lieutenant Schuyler of his Company killed, with 3 or 4 Men and 18 wounded.

The Enemy had three Companies of Grenadiers and two Piquets at this Post, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Belcombe, second in Command, who was wounded; a Captain of Grenadiers wounded, and taken Prisoner; his Lieutenant killed, several Men killed and wounded, and 13 taken Prisoners.

The Enemy had one Mortar here, with which they threw some Shells at us in the Night; a Six Pounder not mounted, and two Wall Pieces.

This Hill, with one adjoining, commands the Harbour.

The 16th, we advanced to the Hill, nearer St. John's which the Enemy had quitted. Twenty nine Shallops came in To-day with Artillery and Stores, Provision and Camp Equipage, from Torbay, which we unloaded. I moved the Remainder of the Troops forward, leaving a Post to guard the Pass of Kitty Vitty, on the other Side. Last Night the Enemy's Fleet got out of the Harbour. This Night we lay on our Arms.